

Girls Open Tourney; Overcome An 'Oops!'

Jayson Miller is counting his blessings. Five of them to be exact, the five on the basketball court at the conclusion of the Mulvane basketball game Tuesday night, Jan. 26, in the first round of the 19th annual Wildecat Girls Classic.

Mulvane limped past Arkansas City, 36-32, in the final minute after a technical foul called on Miller helped bring the Bulldogs from one point down to two up in the fading seconds. But an Ark City turnover turned

into two free throws by Jackie McColpin and a missed shot turned into a bank shot under the bucket for Kristin Buchanan, as the Cat girls overcame the problem.

"After the game, I thanked each of the girls because I wouldn't have felt too good if we would have lost that game," said Miller. "As it turned out, it was a good win for us. We wanted to rebound from that Andale game and I think we did. We came out and got off to a good start but they kept hanging around and tied it right before the end of the third quarter. We knew we had a war on our hands."

Mulvane was up, 30-29, and had the ball but lost it when a five second call was made. Miller didn't appear to be arguing too much but was slapped with the "T." The Bulldogs made both free throws, then one more for a 32-30 lead. But McColpin hit two pressure free throws with 33 seconds left, then with nine seconds left, Buchanan put Mulvane ahead, 34-32, with a shot underneath. McColpin iced it with two free throws.

That moved the Cats into a semifinal battle with Garden Plain, a 68-17 victor

over Clearwater, tonight (Jan. 28) at 6 p.m.

Buchanan finished with 13 points and Arin Leonard scored eight. McColpin had six.

If respect is earned, Andale earned it from Mulvane High School girls basketball coach Jayson Miller Friday night, Jan. 22, with the Wildecats were in Andale to play the league-leading Indians.

Andale steamrolled ahead early and put the MHS Wildecats in their place. Imagine even thinking the Indians were having a down year. They busted Mulvane's chops, 52-36, to hand another contending team a setback.

"You have to give them respect, they're the team to beat," conceded Miller, whose Cats had been rolling along pretty good and were resting in second place, one game behind Andale in the CTL. Now, the 6-0 Indians have a two-game edge in the conference.

"We went to their court and they showed us they were the team to beat," said Miller. "You can't expect to go into their house and get behind that quickly and expect to come back. Not on the road. They put us in our place very quickly."

So what had been thought of as a litmus

test for the Wildecat title hopes turned out to be a showcase for the Indians. They spurted ahead, 11-6, in the first quarter, then outscored Mulvane, 14-4, to take a 15-point lead into intermission.

The Wildecats, who saw their three-game winning streak snapped, fell to 3-2 in the league and 5-4 overall. They played better in the second half but Andale's no place to have to come-from-behind in.

Seniors Shirrah Craft and Shelley

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FIRST ROUND

Arkansas City	5	10	10	7	32
Mulvane	9	10	6	11	36
Arkansas City	Heidi Stinson 3	Darci Hutchinson 3	Brandi Webb 2	Brenda Voegele 8	A.J. McClaffin 8
Ashley Rogers 5	Barbara Voegele 3	FG 10 (0)	FT 11	19	F 17
Mulvane	Jackie McColpin 6	Kristin Buchanan 13	Arin Leonard 8	Kassie Hargrove 4	Natalie Turner 3
Shelley Richards 2	FG 11 (0)	FT 13	21	F 14	

Garden Plain 68	Clearwater 17				
Andover 55	Campus 54				
Andale 77	Wellington 39				

Richards sparked the Mulvane offense. Each scored 10 points. Junior Kassie Hargrove and senior Kristin Buchanan finished with five points each.

The Wildecats could get another shot at Andale—on the Mulvane court. All they have to do is win the first two games in the 19th annual Wildecat Girls Classic and if Andale wins its first two games, the two teams will go at it again.

Varsity Girls

Mulvane	6	4	8	19	36
Andale	11	14	12	15	52
Mulvane	Shirrah Craft 10	Lindsay Kendrick 2	Jackie McColpin 2	Kristin Buchanan 5	Shelley Richards 10
Kassie Hargrove 5	Arin Leonard 2	FG 15	(0)	FT 6	9
F 20					
Andale	Maggie Eck 4	Missi Eck 13	Betsy Eck 10	Rhonda Smith 8	Mandy Hermes 1
Kim Thome 5	Kate Galin 5	Devin Mobley 2	Sarah Horsch 4	FG 22	(0)
FT 7	18	F 12			

Junior Varsity Girls

Mulvane	6	10	2	8	26
Andale	12	10	10	10	42
Mulvane	Danielle Vanderhool 2	Sarah Carmichael 2	Curtis Ward 10	Kris Lazar 4	LaShelle Parker 8
FG 13	(0)	FT 0	0	F 17	
Andale	Regan 6	Simon 2	Devin Mobley 8	Missi Eck 2	Inkeluu 2
Mandy Hermes 14	Steven 5	Hoheisel 3	FG 19	(0)	FT 4
16	F 10				

19th Annual Wildecat Girls Classic Pairings

TONIGHT (JAN. 28)

- Game 5 - Wellington vs. Campus, Main gym, 4 p.m.
- Game 6 - Arkansas City vs. Clearwater, auxiliary gym, 4 p.m.
- Game 7 - Garden Plain vs. Mulvane, 6 p.m.
- Game 8 - Andale vs. Andover, 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

- Game 9 - Seventh Place, losers of games 5 and 6, 2 p.m.
- Game 10 - Fifth Place, winners of games 5 and 6, 4 p.m.
- Game 11 - Third Place, losers of games 7 and 8, 5:30 p.m.
- Game 12 - Championship, winners of games 1 and 2, 7:30 p.m.